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SUBJ: VISITS OF SOVIET, BULGARIAN, AND YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC
DELEGATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ISLAMABAD A-59 BEING
POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

2. SOVIET, BULGARIAN AND YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC DELEGATIONS
VISITED ISLAMABAD AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME IN MID-MAY.
BULGARIA AND SOVIET UNION SIGNED NEW TRADE PROTOCOLS WITH
PAKISTAN, AND YUGOSLAVIA AND PAKISTAN SIGNED PROTOCOL TO
ESTABLISH JOINT COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC,
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL FIELDS. PROTOCOL WITH
SOVIET UNION CALLED FOR BARTER TRADE AMOUNTING TO
\$30 MILLION, TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THAT LIMIT REACHED.
PREVIOUS BARTER AGREEMENT WAS FOR \$40 MILLION, AND RAN
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FOR 18 MONTHS. PAKS WILL EXPORT COTTON TEXTILES, GARMENTS,
AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS, AND WILL IMPORT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
AND HEAVY MACHINERY. BULGARIAN AGREEMENT, FOR 1977-78,
DOUBLES DOLLAR VALUE OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT (IN FY 76
PAKS IMPORTED GOODS WORTH \$4.7 MILLION AND EXPORTED
\$2.1 MILLION). IN ADDITION TO COTTON PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES,
PAKS WILL EXPORT SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SPORTING GOODS,

AND WILL IMPORT INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT, GLASS, AND PESTICIDES. JOINT COMMISSION WITH YUGOSLAVIA WILL ARRANGE FOR EXPORT OF RICE AND COTTON PRODUCTS TO YUGOSLAVIA, AND IMPORT OF LIGHT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT. POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

3. IN DEVOTING MORE THAN ORDINARY PRESS COVERAGE TO THESE VISITS, AND IN GREETING SOVIETS MORE WARMLY THAN LEVEL OF BUSINESS WOULD JUSTIFY, GOP SEEMS TO HAVE GONE OUT OF ITS WAY TO STRWSS IMPORTANCE OF "NEWLY INCREASED" TRADE WITH SOCIALIST BLOC. IN MAY 22 EDITORIAL PAK TIMES ATTRIBUTED INCREASE TO WESTERN TARIFF BARRIERS AND QUOTA RESTRICTIONS, AS WELL AS POLITICAL DECISION OF PPP GOVERNMENT TO BREAK WITH PAST CONSTRAINTS AGAINST TIES WITH BLOC. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT LEVEL OF TRADE CONTINUES TO BE MODEST AND THAT AGREEMENTS CONTAIN LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE. IN EFFECT, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LESS TO VISITS THAN MET THE EYE.
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